

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Raphael DONATI et al.

Application No.: 10/550,317

Filed: September 22, 2005

Docket No.: 125017

For: SOLID-PHASE IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC METHODS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of references 1-10 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. References 1-5 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the French search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

- ☒ 5. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 10 is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Jesse O. Collier
Registration No. 53,839

JAO:JOC/per

Date: December 21, 2005

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

| |
|--|
| <p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p> |
|--|

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|---|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83) | | US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE | | ATTY DOCKET NO. 125017 | | APPLICATION NO. 10/550,317 | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary) | | | | APPLICANTS Raphael DONATI et al. | | | |
| | | | | FILING DATE September 22, 2005 | | | |
| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | |
| EXAMINER INITIAL | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | NAME | CLASS | SUB CLASS | |
| | 1. | 6,008,056 | 12/28/1999 | Thieme | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | |
| | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUB CLASS | |
| | 2. | EP 0 458 231 A1 | 11/27/1991 | Europe | | | |
| | 3. | EP 0 462 376 A2 | 12/27/1991 | Europe | | | |
| | 4. | EP 1 020 726 A1 | 7/19/2000 | Europe | | | |
| | 5. | WO 97/09620 | 3/13/1997 | WIPO | | | |
| | 6. | EP 0 284 232 B2 | 9/28/1988 | Europe | | | |
| | 7. | EP 0 291 194 B1 | 11/17/1988 | Europe | | | |
| | 8. | EP 0 560 411 B1 | 9/15/1993 | Europe | | | |
| | 9. | EP 0 560 410 B1 | 9/15/1993 | Europe | | | |
| | 10. | WO 00/00288 (w/abstract) | 1/6/2000 | WIPO | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| EXAMINER | | | | | DATE CONSIDERED | | |
| Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. | | | | | | | |

Date: December 21, 2005